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The House,

Bowmanville, Mar. 17, 1915.

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 Pres^t Toronto University
 Toronto, Ont.

Dear Sir,

To-day I received a communication from Mr. S. A. Moore, of London, Ont, formerly of Belleville, who is seeking to Register at the University of Toronto, but is informed that he has no standing. He has asked me to present his case to you, because it is similar to that of my son - A. Cyril Drummond, who graduated last June (1914). Mr. Moore says: - "Cyril and I tried our Matriculation at the same time, [i.e. in the years 1909 and 1910] in the same manner which I understood from Mr. Milburn [formerly Head Master of Belleville High School] was according to the regulations."

It appears that the directions received from the teacher were not according to the regulations - there being some difference in the division of the subjects for each year. As a matter of fact (I am speaking of the case of my son, just now) all the required subjects were taken; and the Registrar of Trinity, where my son took his course, declared that Cyril's standing was good.

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and should have been accepted. But the Registrar of Toronto, like many another martinet, could not see beyond the letter of regulations.

However, you permitted my son to proceed with the work and take the Senior Matriculation exams in the spring of 1911. He never lost a year; never had any sups. except in his first year, and in his fourth year was "Head of Arts" in Trinity.

I merely mention this to show what an injustice would have been done had he not been allowed to proceed, and I have no reason to suppose that Mr. S. A. Moore, if allowed to proceed would do quite as well or better.

It seems to me nothing short of an outrage that lads who in good faith follow the directions of the Head Master of a High School, and pass the examinations as directed by him, and all the exams. required by the University, though not ~~at~~ in the exact order, should be made to suffer. This may be justice according to the letter. It is certainly neither justice in the spirit, nor equity.

Mr. Moore is not related to me in any way; but I do hope that if he cannot be given his junior Matric. standing, he will at least be permitted to proceed & be given an opportunity to take his Senior Matric. exams.

Yours sincerely,

A. H. Drummond

P.S. - When Airl entered University
I was living in Belleville
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Rev. A. H. Drumm,

Bowmanville, Ont.

Dear Mr. Drumm:

I wrote to Mr. Moore of London a few days ago with regard to his application for matriculation. His case is different from that of your son inasmuch as he is preparing to enter the Dental College. Your son was given standing in Arts, and owing to the special circumstances the rules relaxed in his favour. Mr. Moore's case is to be taken up when Dean Willmott is here, as he is more directly responsible for the standing in Dentistry than any one else, but he was not at the last meeting of the Senate, and is, I understand, away from Toronto at present. I quite recognise that it is very hard on a student that he should be at fault for a Principal's mistake, but it is extremely difficult for the University or a public institution to make that its sole excuse for not adhering to its regulations. Principals may be very careless, but in the case of certain professional bodies like the Medical Council no leniency on the part of a University would make up for a deficiency in Matriculation.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.